

SELECTMAN'S MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 1999

Attendance: Charles J. Sisitsky, Valerie W. Mulvey, Esther A. H. Hopkins, Christopher J. Petrini and John M. Kahn.

Mr. Sisitsky called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the viewing public.

Public Participation

Ginny Marino, Precinct 15, rose to express here displeasure regarding the Historical Commission's decision to prohibit the destruction of one of the Dennison buildings. She asked the Board to consider appointing a south side resident to the Historical Commission in order to maintain balance on the commission. Buff Franchi, Precinct 15, rose to speak about traffic on Fay Road and requested the installation of traffic signs on this street. Mr. Franchi also rose to request that all tax bills include return envelopes for the convenience of residents. Mr. King said that they would be provided in the January bills.

APPOINTMENTS:

The appointment to the Conservation Commission is made by the Town Manager with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen. There are three vacant seats on the Commission. There are four candidates for three positions, however one candidate, Mrs. Vatcher has asked that her name be withdrawn. Mr. King stated that he and the Board has issues with the Conservation Commission over the past few years and he was working with the Commissioners to resolve some of these matters. Mr. King offered for the Board's concurrence, the re-appointment of Leslee Willitts and Robert Venne, both of whom are well qualified. He also recommended the appointment of Caroline Singler whose resume was quite impressive.

MOTION:

Moved by Ms. Mulvey, seconded by Mr. Kahn, to concur with the Town Manager's recommendation to appoint Leslee Willitts, Robert Venne, and Caroline Singler to the Conservation Commission for a three year term. So voted, unanimously.

Mr. Kahn stated he had some concerns relative to one of the candidates but would vote to concur with the Town Manager's recommendation.

Keefe Technical High School Committee:

Thomas Luddy and other members of the Keefe Tech School Committee met with the Selectmen to appoint a member to the vacant seat on the School Committee. The three applicants for the position are David Landau, Argentina Arias and Robert Edwards. The candidates were given an opportunity to address the Selectmen. All three candidates introduced themselves to the Board and spoke briefly. Mr. King explained that two applications arrived after the posted date. Mr. Sisitsky felt that the Board should consider as many candidates as possible and not be bound by artificial deadlines. Ms. Mulvey asked the Town Manager about previous policy regarding deadlines. Mr. King stated that the policy was somewhat arbitrary and technically the Selectmen could vote for whichever candidate they preferred. Mr. Kahn stated that the Board had gone to some lengths to try to make this an open and understandable policy. He felt the policy would be defeated if the Board makes up rules as they go along. Mr. Kahn said the date may not be legally binding, but it was set and people were notified of such. He felt the Selectmen should adhere to the guidelines they set. Mr. Kahn planned to move to re-advertise the position in order to consider Mr. Sisitsky's desire to broaden the field of applicants.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Kahn, seconded by Mr. Petrini, to table action and re-advertise the position. Since there was a joint meeting majority rules were in effect the motion failed by a vote of nine to three. Valerie Mulvey, Christopher Petrini and John Kahn voted in favor of tabling action.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Weinberg, seconded by Mr. Luddy, of the Keefe Tech School Committee to act tonight with the three candidates who submitted letters of interest. So voted.

David Landau and Argentina Arias were nominated by members of Keefe Tech School Committee.

Dr. Hopkins and Mr. Petrini nominated Robert Edwards.

David Landau received five votes.

Robert Edwards received no votes.

By a vote of seven to five, Mrs. Arias was elected to the Keefe Tech School Committee until the town election to be held in April of 2000.

Community Development Committee:

The Community Development Committee has three available seats for one year positions. Originally, there were four applicants for three seats, however, Mr. Fernandes withdrew his name due to military commitments.

MOTION:

Moved by Ms. Mulvey, seconded by Mr. Kahn, to appoint all three candidates, Fernando Castro, Jean Starr and Neil Cohen to the Community Development Committee for a one year term. So voted, unanimously.

Cushing Chapel Trustees:

Mr. King stated that there are three "At Large" positions and one Ex-Officio position available on the Cushing Chapel Board. He recommended that the Board appoint the following applicants: Patricia Kirley, Hayward Taylor and Martha Flinter as At Large members and James Egan as the Ex-Officio.

MOTION:

Moved by Ms. Mulvey, seconded by Dr. Hopkins, to appoint Patricia Kirley, Hayward Taylor and Martha Flinter as "At Large" members for three year terms and James Egan as the Ex-Officio for a one year term. So voted, unanimously.

Council on Aging

There are two candidates for one position. Candidates, Thomas Pedulla and Mal Schulze spoke to the Selectmen about their qualifications, however, Mr. Schulze decided to withdraw his name.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Ms. Mulvey, to appoint Thomas Pedulla to the Council on Aging. So voted, unanimously.

Historic District Commission:

Mr. King explained that there are two "At Large" positions available on the Historic District Commission. One term is to expire in 2001 and one term will expire in 2002. Applicants for the positions are Stephen Greeley and Todd Robecki who are incumbents and Jeffrey Kotkin, resident. Mr. King stated that the Historic District Commission met and recommended asking Mr. Greeley to fill the alternate seat. The Selectmen, if they wish, could then appoint Mr. Robecki and Mr. Kotkin to the Historic District Commission. Ms. Welles, Historic District Commission Chair, stated that the Historic District Commission was not to be confused with the Historical Commission and explained the differences between the two.

MOTION:

Moved by Ms. Mulvey, seconded by Dr. Hopkins, to appoint Todd Robecki and Jeffrey Kotkin to the Historic District Commission. Mr. Robecki was appointed for a term to expire in 2002 and Mr. Kotkin was appointed to a term to expire in 2001. So voted, unanimously.

MOTION:

Moved by Ms. Mulvey, seconded by Dr. Hopkins, to appoint Roberta Golden to the Historic District Commission as a Lawyer/Alternate, Kathleen Crowther to the Commission as a Realtor/Alternate, Gerald Couto as an Architect/Alternate, and Stephen Greeley as an "At Large"/Alternate. So voted, unanimously.

Fair Housing Committee - Ex-Officio:

The Fair Housing Committee candidates for Ex-Officio positions are: Sam Swisher, Planning Department, Beth O'Grady, Housing Authority, and Larry Marsh, Planning Board. Mr. King recommended appointing all three candidates. It was noted that the Human Relations Commission has not yet designated a representative.

MOTION:

Moved by Ms. Mulvey, seconded by Dr. Hopkins, to appoint Sam Swisher, Planning Department, Beth O'Grady, Housing Authority, and Larry Marsh, Planning Board as Ex-Officios on the Fair Housing Committee for one year terms. So voted, unanimously.

Mr. King indicated to the Selectmen that there were no applicants to fill vacant positions on the Human Relations Commission, Planning Board/Associate member, Metropolitan Area Planning Council and the Loring Arena Committee.

Town Manager's Report:

Mr. King reported on the progress of the 9/90 project stating that most of the work on the "punch list" has been completed. One change order is awaiting the signature of Town Counsel. The town still owes approximately \$400,000 which must be paid at this time since we are now legally obligated. Mr. King has filed a claim letter with Haley and Ward for over \$100,000. They have referred the matter to their insurance company. The Town Manager suggested there might be a possibility of obtaining CDBG money. Ms. Bartolini is investigating this avenue.

Contracts:

Mr. King reported that the Town Manager Act states that contracts can be signed by the Town Manager subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen. As a matter of policy, Mr. King has been bringing all contracts before the Board for approval. This week he is requesting approval of two additional contracts. Since a number of inconsistencies exist with regard to the signing of contracts, Mr. King advised the development of a policy that speaks to what contracts the Board would like to review and under what circumstances. He requested the Board's input on this matter. Mr. Sisitsky suggested establishing a sub-committee to create such a policy. Mr. King has asked the CFO to develop a policy for presentation to the Board.

CSX Lease

Mr. King reported that he has come to an agreement with CSX on the lease for the South Wye parking lot. He stated that he convinced CSX to reduce the monthly cost to the town to \$1,500 and guarantee that figure for a three year period. It appears that it may be near October 1 before a final decision is approved. Construction issues remain a concern as initial estimates of \$35,000 appear to be low. Significant drainage problems are the cause of the increased estimates. Mr. King suggested further discussion of the topic at the August 26 meeting. Dr. Hopkins felt that site plan review should have occurred before negotiations. Mr. King explained the process in depth. Mr. Kahn requested a financial statement on the operation. Ms. Mulvey noted that Representative Stasik has hopes that the MBTA will contribute to the construction costs.

Athenaeum Hall - Mr. King has been approached by Friends of Saxonville regarding a request to allow volunteers to paint Athenaeum Hall. Professional contractors made the offer to do this work. Mr. King stated that both Town Counsel and Mr. Egan agreed that the work was feasible.

Report on Temple Street Incident

Chief Larrabee, Joe Mikielian, Sergeant Vincent Alfano and Officer Jimmy Espinosa were present to speak about the incident. Chief Larrabee also spoke on behalf of Framingham State College. The Chief stated that there was a large disturbance on Temple Street on the evening of August 1 with both high school and college students present. Officer Espinosa noted that there were over 200 individuals milling around in the street. Beer bottles were hurled and fighting ensued. Eight persons were arrested. The Framingham Police Department used the assistance of eight additional law enforcement agencies to quell the situation. The source of the incident was a party at 127 Temple Street at a two family house owned by Lane Gordon. Two of the lessees at 127 Temple were students of Framingham State College. Mr. Gordon informed Mr. King that he does not intend to rent the unit to college students. Chief Larrabee reported that the Framingham Police were in complete control of the scene and other communities were called for back-up since State Police were not available. The second party occurred at 34 Temple Street. The host of that party has been charged by the police. The two lessees will be brought before the college.

Mr. Mikielian inspected the 127 Temple Street to confirm that it was not an illegal rooming house. There were no illegal building or zoning issues. The house is completely vacant as of today.

Mr. King has spoken with Dr. Heineman of Framingham State regarding mutual cooperation. He assured the Board that zoning problems will be enforced.

Mr. Sisitsky questioned Chief Larrabee about the authority granted to Framingham State College Police. Chief Larrabee stated that the campus police do have some powers off campus, but use of these powers is not encouraged by the Framingham Police. Some town bylaws do not apply to state property.

Mr. Kahn hoped that the college would look seriously into the area of enforcement. Mr. Kahn asked Chief Larrabee about prosecution and follow through when arrests occurred. The Chief indicated that restitution for damages is usually requested. Mr. Kahn asked about legal lodging

houses in town. Mr. Mikielian indicated that special permits were required for lodging houses and when complaints were filed these houses were investigated.

Mr. Kahn urged the Board and Town Manager to insist that the Police Department file complaints and prosecute to completion the identified participants. He stated that it was important that the progress of all prosecutions is followed.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Ms. Mulvey, to publicly affirm that we intend to strictly enforce all applicable laws in order to preserve the integrity of the neighborhoods where these houses exist. So voted, unanimously.

Mr. King stated that the laws would be enforced in an aggressive manner.

Dr. Hopkins asked whether students could be arrested if they were drinking off campus. The Chief stated that offenders could be arrested by local police and campus police could make arrests on college property. Dr. Hopkins asked why only eight people were arrested. The Chief stated that the goal was to disperse the crowd. Ms. Mulvey asked about prosecution for under age drinking. The Chief stated that each incident would rise and fall on its own merits. Ms. Dean, Framingham Coalition, noted that there is a first time offender program.

Town Manager's Goals:

Mr. King presented the Selectmen with six formalized goals with three different levels of objectives listed for each goal. He stated that he incorporated most of the issues discussed at the recent work session into tonight's presentation. Mr. King said that by the use of the different classes of objectives, he tried to satisfy the desire for quantifiable benchmarks while noting that most goals are not limited to just a one year time period. Mr. King will put a final copy of goals together for the August 26 meeting. Mr. Petrini stated that there was an evaluation instrument available. Mr. Petrini and Dr. Hopkins will form the evaluation sub-committee. Mr. Kahn complimented Mr. King and thought assessing the document should include the goals and objectives of the Board. He felt that the Board should support the Manager and allow him a fair amount of leeway.

Goal One:

To implement the joint budget resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee by complying with all provisions for the benefit of the FY2001 budget process.

Objectives:

Work with the Consultant to complete the consolidation study in a thorough and complete manner.

Complete the alternative methods of service delivery analysis in a thorough manner.

Create a budget process for FY2001 with emphasis on cooperation and equity.

Coordinate with other towns and approach the state legislature regarding inequities and shortcomings in the current state aid formula.

Mr. Petrini applauded the first attempt but would like the I & I issue to be a separate and a continuing objective.

Dr. Hopkins asked how the Manager would be assured that all revenue would be considered and obtained from all sources. She would like this section of the goals re-worded.

Goal Two:

To direct the operation of the town in a customer service orientated fashion by emphasizing professionalism, communication and efficiency for the benefit of the residents and taxpayers of Framingham.

Objectives:

Initiation of a townwide customer service policy for all administrative departments.

Standardized timeliness for dealing with constituent complaints and inquiries.

Implement communication initiatives with Town Meeting by providing written newsletters to Town Meeting Members.

Begin regular meetings with standing committee chairmen for the purpose of establishing an ongoing dialogue with Town Meeting Members.

Implement communication initiatives with Town employees through distribution of a "recap" newsletter after each Selectmen's meeting.

Dr. Hopkins would like Goal 2-objective 4, to be re-worded and asked how such an evaluation could be completed. She suggested changing the language to state having regular meetings with meetings of chairs of standing committees.

**Goal Three:**

To develop a merit based pay system for division heads for implementation on July 1, 2000 by adopting a new performance evaluation system for the purpose of increasing the effectiveness of professional performance evaluations and pay allocation.

**Objectives:**

Development of a new performance evaluation format for use in reviewing the performances and accomplishments of division heads in terms of their stated goals and objectives.

Development of a division head salary scale allowing for increases based solely on performance and merit.

Presentation of the merit plan to Selectmen and Town Meeting.

Dr. Hopkins asked how the productivity of division heads could be measured. Mr. King agreed to change the word.

**Goal Four:**

To review all Town owned real property by inventorying and evaluating existing parcels for the purpose of efficient use or proper disposition if warranted.

**Objectives:**

Develop a solution to the housing requirements of Town and school administrative offices.

Issue a report listing the use, condition and foreseeable future needs of all Town owned buildings,

Issue a report listing all Town owned land indicating parcel size, present status and assessed value.

Make recommendations to the Board regarding long term use of the Danforth Building and the Roosevelt School.

Under Goal four, Mr. Sisitsky would like the space needs for various departments reviewed as well as the status of tax title land. Dr. Hopkins asked about the disposition of land and if Mr. King planned to work with other committees to identify such.

**Goal Five:**

To promote downtown revitalization by continuing existing efforts and developing new initiatives where necessary for the purpose of restoring social and economic vitality to downtown Framingham.

**Objectives:**

continue close cooperation with Dennison developers in order to bring the project on-line as soon as possible.

Establish the CSX property on Waverley Street as a commuter parking area

Encourage and assist public rehabilitation produce and Memorial Square improvements for the purpose of making downtown more attractive.

Assist the downtown parking task force in their efforts to provide creative solutions to both the commuter and business parking issues.

Mr. Sisitsky would like Goal five to include a review of infrastructure improvements in the downtown area. Mr. King reported that there have been some great improvements in that area maintenance improvements such as sidewalks, tree trimming, and zoning changes studied. Mr. King thought re-zoning was a major undertaking. Ms. Mulvey is currently serving on the mixed use zoning committee. Dr. Hopkins would like ongoing communication with all businesses in the community.

**Goal Six:**

To develop and implement a continuing education program by offering relevant training and development programs to managerial level employees for the purpose of professional development and success.

**Objective:**

Determine appropriate subject matter and provide mandatory continuing education workshops during the fiscal year.

Emphasize in professional recruitment the value of continuing education.

Review tuition reimbursement policy to assure maximum benefit to both the Town and employee.

With regard to Goal six, Dr. Hopkins felt that mandatory continuing education was somewhat of a stick and thought Mr. King might offer a carrot approach related to their job ratings.

Cable Television Contract:

Mr. King reviewed the contracts of the town's two cable providers, Cablevision and RCN. Each provider has offered the town unique benefits. Mr. King would like an internal committee formed to evaluate the cable providers and deal with the distribution of cable drops, the I-Net, construction of the system, complaints, etc.

Mr. King suggested that the internal committee be composed of the following: Town Manager, Superintendent of Schools, Information Services Director, Director of School Technology, and the Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Kahn would like a resident on the committee who has some experience in the development of television programs. Additionally, Mr. King will designate the Superintendent of Town Owned Buildings and an audio video expert to serve on the committee.

Mr. Petrini noted correspondence from Cablevision indicating that they were passing on the fees to the residents. The Board was in receipt of a letter from Cablevision indicating that subscribers' bills will reflect an access fee of 2% plus an increment representing retroactive fees dating back to July 1, 1999.

Conference - DPW Policies

John Bertorelli, Acting Director of Public Works, William Dickson, Commissioner of Public Works, and Joe Pagano, Sanitation Division came before the Selectmen to discuss recently adopted new policies of the Department of Public Works as reviewed below.

The following were voted by the Board - Water

1. Imposing \$10 fee for requests for updated water bills.
2. Residents not complying with order to test and/or repair existing backflow preventors will, after sufficient notice, be surcharged amount of test (\$50.00) on their water and sewer bill until proper action is taken. Commercial establishments that do not install backflow preventors after sufficient notice as mandated by department will receive a certified letter stating the water to the building in question will be shut off. Mr. Dickson said a thirty day time frame could be inserted on the policy. With regard to businesses, after thirty days the water there will be a two week time period to comply and legal notice will be sent.

Sanitation

1. Dwelling units greater than four will not receive trash service from the town.
2. Demolition material will no longer be collected curbside nor accepted at the Transfer Station.
3. The town has the right to limit the amount of material put at curbside - DPW to review policy.
4. All material must be stored in water tight receptacles.
7. Receptacles shall be no larger than 35 gallon capacity and weigh no more than 40 pounds.
8. Property owners are responsible for maintaining his/her property in clean and sanitary condition and for correcting conditions which affect the health, safety and well being of the general public.
9. Any resident or landlord that receives a fine for non compliance to trash regulations and does not pay that fine will have said fine placed on a warrant and given to the Treasurer/Collector to be liened against the property tax bill.

Responsibility - the owner of the land is responsible for adherence to the trash pick-up policies. Dr. Hopkins asked if a lessee was responsible. Mr. Kahn stated that a revision to the nuisance bylaw would incorporate this policy.

Dr. Hopkins asked if the fine increases. Mr. Bertorelli noted that the Treasurer Collector had authority in this area. Policies three, five and six were referred back to DPW for revision.

Ms. Shulman, resident, asked about battery collection. She would like a user friendly collection process. Mr. Gerstein, resident, asked how trash enforcement bylaws were enforced. Mr. King is investigating this policy.

Badger Road

Mr. Ottaviani raised the issue of the demolition of a public wall on Badger Road. There has been no access permit for this demolition. Mr. King was asked to review the situation with Mr. Bertorelli of the Department of Public Works and the Engineering Department. The road is not considered a scenic road.

Christopher Petrini's Memo Re: Brownfield Legislation - Mr. Petrini deferred discussion until a September meeting.

New England Sand and Gravel MOU:

Mr. King reviewed the New England Sand and Gravel Memorandum of Agreement for the Selectmen. Changes requested by Dr. Hopkins were incorporated in the revision. Amendments were made to section five and included specifics about land conveyed to the town through agreement with the Conservation Commission. Dick Paul, Working Group, asked that his previous letters be included to provide a history for discussion.

MOTION:

Moved by Ms. Mulvey, seconded by Dr. Hopkins, to approve the New England Sand and Gravel Memorandum of Agreement. So voted, unanimously.

Mr. Sisitsky asked for a status on the mitigation money included in the next Town Manager's report.

Action Items:

Approval of minutes of June 29, 1999, July 8, 1999 and July 22, 1999, open and Executive sessions.

MOTION:

Moved by Ms. Mulvey, seconded by Dr. Hopkins, to approve the open session minutes of June 29, 1999. So voted, unanimously.

MOTION:

Moved by Ms. Mulvey, seconded by Mr. Petrini, to approve the Executive session minutes of June 29, 1999 as amended by Dr. Hopkins. So voted.

MOTION:

Moved by Dr. Hopkins, seconded by Ms. Mulvey, to approve the open session minutes of July 8, 1999. So voted.

MOTION:

Moved by Dr. Hopkins,, seconded by Mr. Petrini, to approve the Executive session minutes of July 8, 1999. So voted.

MOTION:

Moved by Ms. Mulvey, seconded by Mr. Petrini to table approval of the open session minutes of July 22, 1999. So voted.

MOTION:

Moved by table Kahn, seconded by Ms. Mulvey, to approve the Executive session minutes of July 22, 1999. So voted.

Review and approval of proposed fall meeting schedule:

Mr. King recommended the adoption of the Selectmen's fall meeting schedule. The proposed schedule will include two full meetings and one work session each month. The fourth Thursday of the month would be left open, and could be filled with either a full session or a work session, if necessary. Mr. Kahn felt that the Board should meet every week. Mr. Petrini suggested adopting the schedule with the understanding that the Selectmen keep Thursday nights open. Additional dates can be added as needed.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Ms. Mulvey, to accept the schedule with the understanding that Thursdays are available and additional dates may be added as needed. September 30 will be added to the schedule to address Mr. Kahn's concerns. So voted, unanimously.

RFP - Affordable Housing for Weld Street Parcels:

Mr. Landry, Chief Procurement Officer, came before the Selectmen with a second draft of a Request for Proposals on the Weld Street parcels. He incorporated suggestions and additions made by the Selectmen into this current proposal and specifically noted changes in the property description and the Force Majeure Provision of the proposal. With regard to perpetual use the language was softened. Further corrections were listed by Mr. Landry. A line was left out in section six and should read "failure to perform" mechanism. Relative criteria points have been changed and additional suggestions made by the Selectmen have been incorporated into the document.

Mr. Petrini thanked Mr. Landry and asked if the Board had the right to choose the bidder. Mr. Landry stated that an evaluation committee would be appointed and they would individually rate

the proposal and make recommendations. Dr. Hopkins asked if the evaluation committee had to sort through the criteria. She noted that affordable housing did not necessarily mean low income.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Mr. Kahn, seconded by Mr. Petrini, to accept the Request for Proposal on the Weld Street parcels with the change in item three of the relative criteria section. The sentence should read ... "secure issuance of a building permit within 180 days" So voted, unanimously.

Mr. Landry was asked to advertise the RFP and prepare a time schedule for the Board so they can establish an evaluation committee.

Also included for the Board's review was a letter from MetroWest Habitat for Humanity discussing the time needed to obtain a building permit. Their recommendation is that the words "within 90 days of receipt of notification by the Town that the proposal has been accepted" be amended to "within 180 days of receipt of notification" or to "by April 2000." Mr. Landry was willing to add this language to the RFP.

**Nevins Hall Rental Policy:**

Mr. King submitted a revised Nevins Hall policy incorporating the recommendations made by the Selectmen at a previous meeting.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Mr. Kahn, seconded by Ms. Mulvey, to approve the Nevins Hall rental policy. So voted.

**Budget Resolution Update #1 - Approval of Contract - Center for Government Research:**

Mr. King outlined a memo he presented to the Selectmen dealing with the implementation of the budget resolution. The Town Manager went on to say that an RFP was issued in early June for a consultant to perform the consolidation study as dictated in the resolution. Mr. King, in conjunction with Dr. Smith, chose the Center for Governmental Research. The contract was awarded to them on June 30 to insure that the funds were part of the FY99 budget. Mr. King felt that the Selectmen should have made the final decision on the selection of the consultant. The cost of the management study is \$30,000.

**Motion**

Moved by Dr. Hopkins, seconded by Ms. Mulvey, to authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract. So voted.

**Approval to Petition Legislature regarding Article 20:**

Mr. King informed the Board that Town Meeting authorized the Selectmen to petition the legislature to enact a Special Act which would authorize police officers of the town to exercise their powers, including the power to enforce the by-laws of the town within any building controlled by the Housing Authority. The Board of Selectmen need to forward this petition to the legislature to adopt this act.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Ms. Mulvey, seconded by Dr. Hopkins, to petition the legislature as written. So voted, unanimously.

**Approval of Contract - Group Benefits Strategies:**

Mr. King discussed the service provided by Group Benefit Strategies which is a health consulting and claim auditing service. Mr. King felt the town would be well served by the company. There is a sixty day notice for cancellation in the contract.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Dr. Hopkins, to authorize the Town Manager to sign contract with Group Benefits Strategies. The contract is to expire on June 30, 2002. So voted, unanimously.

**Request for use of Nevins Hall by Programs for People:**

Mr. King noted that the town had received a request to use Nevins Hall on March 22, 2000. Mr. Egan asked for direction from the Board with regard to waiving the fee for the use of the hall. Action tabled.



Correspondence from Higgins family/Walmart - donation of \$3000 parking lot rental fees.

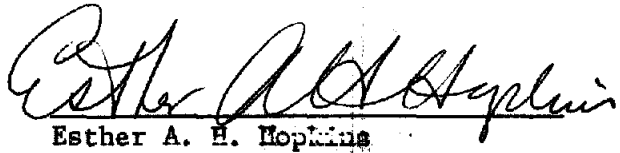
MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Dr. Hopkins, to authorize the Town Manager to donate \$3000 Walmart is not collecting for rental of parking lot to the Framingham Education Foundation or Partners in Education. So voted.

The donation can be made to either or both agencies at the discretion of the Town Manager depending on the charitable tax exempt status of Partners in Education.

MOTION:

Moved by Ms. Mulvey, seconded by Mr. Kahn to move into Executive session for purposes of discussing ongoing legislation. A roll call vote was taken with all Selectmen voting in the affirmative. The Board will return to open session for the purpose of adjourning.

  
Esther A. H. Hopkins